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CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

Hello, Friends, yet another year has passed! I am pleased to mention that our department, Consumer and Family Sciences, is now the largest department in our College, serving over 500 majors and minors. Each of our programs is doing well, and our students continue to be recognized for their achievements. As examples, Shelby Cotton (Hospitality Management & Dietetics) was the eighth Scholar of the College since Fall, 2000. Our Beta Delta Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron, was again named First Place National Winner of the Professional Program Project for 2006. You may recall that we were similarly recognized in 2005, and this makes the fourth time our students have been so honored in recent years. These wins are especially significant because we are competing against much larger universities and programs. Heather Martin (Interior Design) won the national competition, sponsored by Moen, for a new faucet design. Her solution will be manufactured and be available for retail sale during the coming year. Heather's work will be published in a professional journal, and she was awarded an all expense paid trip to the annual conference in Chicago where she will be recognized. Other Interior Design students entered the Watkins School of Design competition. Two of our majors were on the winning teams for Best Overall Design, and Best Approach to a Community Living Solution. The focus of the competition was on Nashville's Magdalene House Living Community Design.

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HRTM Student

"Makes the Grade" Again

Shelby Cotton, a Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management major, tied for the Scholar of the College at the December 2005 WKU graduation. She follows seven other CFS students since 2000 to have earned this honor. Congratulations, Shelby!

Department Head to Retire

Dr. Louella Fong, Professor of Family Studies, has announced that she will retire in June, 2007. She began her career at WKU in 1970, in the Family Living program, and has most recently served as Interim and then Permanent Head of the Department since 1997. Her leadership and vision have enabled the faculty to bring the department's programs to the levels they enjoy today. A national search will be conducted this year to find her successor.

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Celebrate a "Century of Spirit" with your WKU alumni friends at Homecoming on Saturday, October 28. You can be a part of the year-long celebration of the founding of Western Kentucky University in 1906. See page 7 for more info.



Sewing Class



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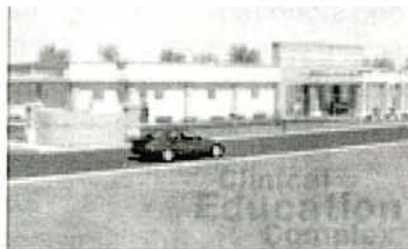
Chat with the Chair, Continued

Laura VanVleet was recognized as the Outstanding Student in a Dietetic Didactic Program in Kentucky. Many of our students have been awarded significant scholarships as well.

Our students and faculty have been engaged in various Fund Development projects such as Relay for Life, where they successfully raised several thousand dollars for the American Cancer Society. They have also been involved in a number of projects in service to the community, including coat drives, cell phone drives, and food drives.

Our students and faculty have been engaged in a number of exciting national and international travel tours, and more are planned. They have engaged in the New York Fashion tour, the Atlanta Market Tour, the European Architectural and Interiors Tour, and a variety of other events. They are preparing to go on an Australian Tour during the Winter Term in 2007.

Our newest achievement has been the move of our Early Childhood Center to the brand new Clinical Education Complex, which was recently dedicated and opened. The Early Childhood Center served approximately 150 children with and without disabilities last year and their families, and will serve more than this year since we have moved to a larger space. Please feel free to drop by sometime for a tour of the building located at the corner of Adams Street and Fourteenth in Bowling Green. It is an impressive facility which is the only one of its kind in Kentucky, and perhaps nationally, housing the Early Childhood Center, the Kelly Autism Program, the Communication Disorders Clinic, the Acquired Brain Injury Program, and the Family Counseling Center.



We want to take this opportunity to invite all of you to join us for the Homecoming Festivities on Saturday, October 28. Our department will host the annual Homecoming Luncheon, and our College will have a tent on South Lawn with refreshments in the afternoon. Thank you for your continuing support of our efforts through your gifts. If you have not been on campus for awhile, we invite you to come and visit. You will be amazed at all the changes which have taken place, and all the improvements which have been made in the classrooms, labs, and studios which provide a more supportive learning environment for our students.

Warm Regards, Lou Fong

CALLING ALL ALUMNI



Join us at the
CHHS Homecoming Tent

Saturday, October 28, 2006

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Visit with faculty, administrators,

& other members of

YOUR WKU family.

See YOU there!



Julie Lee joins Nutrition/Dietetics Faculty

Julie Lee joined the faculty of CFS in August, 2006. She came to WKU from a position as Executive Chef/ Production Manager at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, OH. She received her MBA from the University of Cincinnati, and holds several certifications, which include: Registered Dietitian, Licensed Dietitian, Certified Working Pastry Chef, Certified Sous Chef, and Serv Safe Sanitation Certification. Ms. Lee will be teaching Human Nutrition and Food Science courses, as well as developing several new courses.



Welcome, Julie!

Where Are They Now? **Catch up with CPS Grads**

Ann (Hurt) Brown is employed by the Dept. of Defense Dependent School as an Instructional System Specialist for School Improvement/Assessment/NCA for 19 schools. She has two sons: Ryan and Barrett. Ann says, "Consumer and Family Sciences gave me the general applied background to use in my own home and to apply across curricular areas in my work.... I first learned to develop lessons with a conceptual approach using multiple resources, not just one textbook, which led easily into standards based education and stood me well through the outcomes based era. It was easier for me to move from the classroom into school improvement than it might be other curricular areas."

Sherry (Reinhart) Buda and her husband have spent the last few years in England, but have now purchased a farm in Alexandria. They have one son who recently finished college and is living in England, and their other son is attending NKU.

Melissa (Prindle) Curtsinger is teaching FCS at John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, Ky.

Beth Rochelle Hixon is currently Sales Manager for BellSouth Small Business Services in Nashville, TN. She manages a team of 10 Account Executives in Tennessee. She is married to Brent Hixon, and they have one son, Zachary.

Sarah (Rueff) Henderson completed her MAE in Teaching at the University of Louisville in 2004, and lives with her husband and daughter in Louisville.

Betty Hornback is the owner of Betty's Antiques in Glendale, Ky. She spoke at the 2006 HEFL Alumni Association Summer Meeting on "Yesterday's Memories, Today's Collectibles."

Sheila (Crask) Hudson is a buyer for Sheplers western apparel company headquartered in Wichita, KS. Her area of responsibility includes hats, leather & cloth outerwear for men, t-shirts, and gifts.

Connie (DeVasher) Jeffries retired in November 2005 from her position as Regional Coordinator, Migrant Education. She resides in Horse Cave, Kentucky.

Martha (Combs) Jenkins and her husband, Jeff H. Jenkins, were recognized as Faculty Emeriti, in 2006. Martha and their daughter, Ann Beth Presley, were re-elected for 2-yr. terms as Secretary and Board Director, respectively, of the Costume Society of America, Region VI. They gave a joint research presentation at the annual symposium in Alexandria, VA, in August, 2006.

Romanza (Oliphant) Johnson was presented with the 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award during the Human Rights Commission's Women of Achievement Award banquet in Bowling Green. She was honored recently for serving 26 years on the Kentucky Educational Television (KET) Board. She is serving as President of the Kentucky 4-H Board and is on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Advisory Council, the Warren County Homemakers Council, and Hospice of Southern Kentucky Board.

Karen Kops is now the manager of New Business Development for Designtex. She manages the relationship between Steelcase, Steelcase Design Partnership companies and Designtex. She also consults on Designtex's new full-service branding program, "Connect." She is currently pursuing an MBA in Textile Marketing from the Univ. of Philadelphia and lives in Nashville, TN, with her husband, Jason.

Lesley (Edmondson) Lewis is teaching FCS at Central Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, Ky.

Leslie (Padgett) Miller taught FCS for several years, but has now become a school counselor.

Mae Van Craig Petett retired from Monroe Co. High School in 1993, but keeps busy by taking tours. This year she toured Texas, and next year will be South Carolina. She has two daughters who are teachers and has four grandchildren.

Ann Beth (Jenkins) Presley was recently elected to a 4-yr. term on the national Phi Upsilon Omicron Educational Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Presley has also been awarded the American InterContinental University Faculty Award by the International Textiles and Apparel Association (ITAA), and she will be presenting two papers at the ITAA meeting this November.

Alumni News Continued

Ruth (Rogers) Skaggs was a delegate to the Kentucky United Methodist Conference in June, 2006. She and her husband, Fred, have two sons, William and Roger. William is the Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs at WKU.

Julie (Poor) Swope has worked in merchandising of children's clothing then in carpets. More recently, she has been a substitute teacher in the school of her daughter, who will be a senior this year.

Julia Thomas recently finished her degree in North Carolina and is living in Hollywood, Fl.

The CFS department was notified this spring of the death of one of it's alumni, Ruth Lyle West, who lived in Morgantown, Kentucky, and passed away in January 2006.



HEFL Alumni Summer Meeting

Betty Hornback presented the program, "Yesterday's Memories, Today's Collectibles" to 26 alumni and guests on June 30, and illustrated her presentation with various items from her store. She provided an identification/ appraisal of items brought to the meeting by attendees. She is the owner of Betty's Antiques in Glendale, Ky. Betty also spoke briefly about organ donation, as she was the recipient of a heart transplant

Betty Hornback,
right



Kristy Vick-Stratton, Phi
Upsilon Omicron Alumni
president, addresses the
group, left

Mary Ella Conner, Linda
Willis, and Nora Sweat
enjoyed the good food
and company.



Greetings from WKU Home Economics Alumni President

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer, some with vacations, others attending professional meetings, spending time relaxing, or getting things done at home. The summer meeting in Glendale was a great time of meeting others. The program by Betty Hornback was educational and interesting. Some of us attendees discovered that we were holders of valuable antique pieces!

I would like to invite you to our fall meeting. This will be our traditional WKU Homecoming Luncheon on October 28, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Academic Complex. The celebration will focus on "A Century of Spirit." The program will include an inspirational speaker on the "Spirit of Western" and representatives of the decades of the CFS Department.

As president, I would encourage each of you to come and get involved in this group. We will be holding a silent auction to help raise money for our CFS students who need help attending professional meetings. **The Executive Council asks that you bring an item for the auction.**

Sheree Eubank, President



Christy Eubanks shares her FCCLA
Officer Candidate Speech.

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**So, What's New?
Share Your News With Us!**

Update us throughout the year with the CFS
Department e-mail. The address is: CFS@wku.edu

Name: _____ Phone No. (____) _____
(Please include maiden name)

Current Address: _____

Major, Degree, & Year: _____ E-mail address: _____

Employer: _____ Title: _____

Briefly describe your job duties: _____

Personal information or news:
(spouse, marriage, births, promotions, etc.) _____

How has your CFS degree benefitted you since your graduation? _____

Join the HE Alumni Association!

YES! I would like to join the WKU Home Economics Alumni Association. Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 annual membership made payable to Home Economics Alumni Association.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please mail to: HE Alumni Assoc., CFS Dept., 1906
College Heights Blvd #11037, Western Kentucky
University, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1037.

I would like to nominate the following person for:

____ Outstanding Alumni Award

____ Citizenship Award

Name: _____
(Please include maiden name)

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

Degree Earned: _____ Yr. Grad. _____

Name of _____

Nominator: _____

Attach a sheet with reason for nomination.

YES! I will attend the Alumni Luncheon on October 28 at 10:30 a.m. My check payable to Home Economics Alumni Association is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____. (Luncheon tickets are \$10.00 per person.) Guests are Welcome! Graduates from 1946, 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, and 1996 will be honored. Silent Auction begins at 10:00. Reservations are due to the CFS Dept., 1906 College Heights Blvd. #11037, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1037, by **OCTOBER 13, 2006.**

Please send the following information with your check:

Name: _____ Grad. Yr. & Major: _____

Address: _____

Guest(s) name(s): _____
